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SUBJECT: NEW CAPITAL: CARL HOUSE

1. MR. HOUSE, OF 3901 CATHEDRAL AVENUE, SUITE 406, WASHINGTON 20016, OFFICE 301 992-6013, HOME 244-4717, IN A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 12 OFFERED HIS SERVICES TO NIGERIA'S FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), WHICH IS CHARGE WITH BUILDING A NEW CAPITAL CITY FOR NIGERIA. HE SAID HE HAD EIGHT YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH THE ROUSE COMPANY, DEVELOPERS OF COLUMBIA, MD., AND RESIGNED TO START HIS OWN BUSINESS AFTER ROUSE DECLINED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN NIGERIA'S CAPITAL CITY PROJECT. HE IS, HOWEVER, STILL A CONSULTANT FOR ROUSE.

2. ALTHOUGH HOUSE'S LETTER IN OUR OPINION CLEARLY OFFERED HIS NEW COMPANY'S SERVICES, NOT HIS PERSONAL SERVICES, CDA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ABUBAKAR KOKO TOLD EMBOFF THAT HOUSE IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR JOB AS ONE OF FIVE CDA DEPARTMENT HEADS, THAT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING. MOST OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL BE NIGERIA. KOKO ASKED EMBOFF TO DETERMINE WHETHER HOUSE WOULD CONSIDER THIS JOB AND ALSO ASKED FOR AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF HOUSE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) CONTACT HOUSE AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE INTERESTED IN JOB IN PRINCIPLE (SUBJECT TO SALARY, ETC.)
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IN PERSONAL CAPACTIY. IF SO, WHEN CAN HE START AND HOW LONG WOULD HE REMAIN? (2) IF YES, NEED INDEPENDENT EVALUATION. FOR THIS PLEASE CONTACT CHARLES CONRAD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION, DISTRICT BUILDING. HE HAS SERVED AS PANEL JUDGE FOR CDA AND IS RESPECTED FOR EXPERTISE AND INTEGRITY. PLEASE PROVIDE HIS EVALUATION IF HE KNOWS HOUSE OR REPUTATION IF HOUSE NOT KNOWN TO HIM. THIS WOULD

GO ONLY TO KOKO, WHO WILL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL MAY 2
RECRUITING CDA STAFF.
WYMAN

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